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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1602

INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 7096

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DEPT FOR CONNOLLY, NEA/EX, AND DIKEOS, SY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ATRN, ASEC, APER

SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL BETWEEN BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS

REF: (A) BEIRUT 7070, (B) STATE 211646 (NOTAL)

1. AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL A, WE PROPOSE THAT ADDITIONAL STAFFING FOR BEIRUT AUTHORIZED IN REFTEL B SHOULD ACCOMPANY CHUCK BAQUET FROM DAMASCUS ON AUG 31. SPECIFICALLY, WE NEED AUTHORIZATION AS FOLLOWS:

A. FOR GERRI O'BRIEN TO MOVE FROM DAMASCUS TO BEIRUT;

B. FOR SY TO STAGE MARINE SECURITY GUARD TO DAMASCUS TO PROCEED TO BEIRUT WITH CONVOY ON AUGUST 31.

C. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN AS TO LILLIAN WATERMAN'S STATUS. IF HER APPOINTMENT CAN BE PROCESSED IN TIME FOR HER TO GET TO DAMASCUS, SHE SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCOMPANY THIS GROUP. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, REQUEST DEPT EXPEDITE HER APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORIZE TRANSFER TO DAMASCUS ASAP SO THAT SHE CAN PROCEED TO BEIRUT IN SECOND STAFFING EXCHANGE TO BE ARRANGED.

2. WE ARE RECOMMENDING BY SEPARATE MESSAGE THAT TWO
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MARINE SECURITY GUARDS SHOULD BE MOVED TO DAMASCUS WITHIN

NEXT TWO WEEKS TO RELIEVE TWO MSG'S NOW ON DUTY IN BEIRUT.

3. I ASSUME THAT WE DO NOT NEED AUTHORIZATION FOR
EXCHANGE OF DAVIS AND HALLMAN. IN THIS CONNECTION,
HOWEVER, DAVIS MAY NEED TDY ORDERS FOR DAMASCUS DUTY.
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